



Independent School District

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Federal Communications Commission
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Regarding:

Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization
Lifeline and Link Up
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
Advancing Broadband Availability Through
Digital Literacy Training

WC Docket No. 11-42
WC Docket No. 03-109
CC Docket No. 96-45

WC Docket No. 12-23

Dear Director and Staff Members,

My name is Mike Coker and I am the superintendent of the Bellville Independent School District (BISD). Our school is fundamentally opposed to using Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to oversee and administrate the proposed Digital Literacy Pilot Program. We are thankful that the FCC and related agencies provide programs and administration that are indispensable to public schools. We are equally thankful that the commission adopts intelligent and practical solutions as it oversees the ever more valuable spectrum. The decision not to use e-rate funding for the pilot program is one of many wise and effective decisions.

Using USAC to administrate the Digital Literacy Pilot Program will weaken, and perhaps dilute, the operations that we have come to know, appreciate and rely. Bellville ISD, like all Texas schools, is under a severe economic strain and we know the effects of asking fewer employees to do more and more work.

USAC is a service agency, and the administrative burden will ultimately strike at the effectiveness of its purpose. If this is the only way to implement this program, then the Pilot Program should be delayed until there are sufficient resources to fund the entire cost of the program.

Regards,

Mike Coker, Superintendent
Bellville Independent School District